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### **Economic and Employment Enforcement Coalition Los Angeles Garment Sweat Shops Revisited – Enforcement Action Results**

- WHAT:** The Labor and Workforce Development Agency and its enforcement partners last Friday night and all day Saturday revisited the garment shops from the previous week-long enforcement sweep in early August.
- WHEN:** Friday, September 2 at 10am.
- WHERE:** 320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013, Carmel Rm., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
- WHO:** Jose Millan, Deputy Secretary, Labor & Workforce Development Agency; Bob Jones, Chief Counsel, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement.
- BACKGROUND:** LWDA's Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the Employment Development Department, along with the Contractors State License Board and the U.S. Department of Labor have partnered to form a multi-agency enforcement task force. This taskforce – the EEEEC – is dedicated to enforcing state and federal labor and employment laws aimed at businesses in targeted industries operating in the underground economy.
- Initiated by Governor Schwarzenegger, and funded in the 2005/06 Budget with \$6.5 million and 65 additional positions, the EEEEC seeks to level the playing field for businesses that play by the rules. Not only does the EEEEC weed out the bad apples, it also educates business owners and workers on labor laws and regulations.